

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

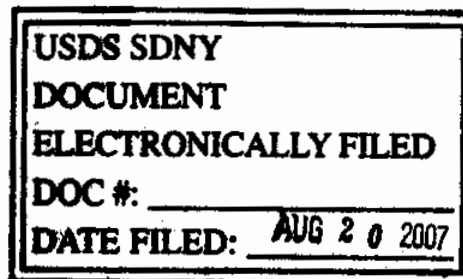
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Joel S. Ario, acting insurance commissioner of the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in his capacity as
liquidator of Reliance Insurance Company,

Plaintiff,

- against -

Axiom International, Inc., d/b/a Axiom Entertainment
Services, Inc.,

Defendant.
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07 Civ. 6486 (PAC)
INITIAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE
ORDER

HONORABLE PAUL A. CROTTY, United States District Judge:

Counsel for all parties are directed to appear before the undersigned for an initial pretrial conference, in accordance with Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on Thursday, August 30, 2007, at 11:30 a.m in Courtroom 20-C at the United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York. **COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF IS DIRECTED TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY ALL PARTIES OF THIS ORDER.**

This case has been designated as an electronic case and has been assigned to me for all purposes. By the date of the initial pretrial conference, counsel for all parties are required to register as filing users in accordance with the Procedures for Electronic Case Filing (ECF).

The parties are directed to familiarize themselves with the Court's Individual Practices by visiting the SDNY website at www.nysd.uscourts.gov, click on the judges tab, then Crotty. Please pay close attention to the rules with respect to communication with Chambers, requests for pre-motion conferences, discovery disputes, requests for extensions of time and adjournments.

The parties are directed to fax: (212) 805-6304 or e-mail: CrottyNYSDChambers@nysd.uscourts.gov, a joint letter two (2) business days prior to the conference addressing the following in separate paragraphs (*for the Court's convenience, the parties are requested to set forth the date and time of the conference in the opening paragraph of the joint letter*): (1) the names, addresses (including firm names), e-mail addresses, and telephone and fax numbers of trial counsel; (2) a brief description of the case, including the factual and legal bases for the claim(s) and defense(s); (3) a brief statement by plaintiff as to the basis of subject matter jurisdiction, and a brief statement by each other party as to the presence or absence of subject matter jurisdiction. Such statements shall include citations to all statutes relied on and relevant facts as to citizenship and jurisdictional amount; (4) a brief summary by each party of

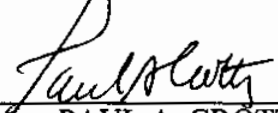
the claims and defenses that party has asserted which remain to be tried, without recital of evidentiary matter but including citations to all statutes relied on. Such summaries shall identify all claims and defenses previously asserted which are not to be tried; (5) any contemplated motions; (6) a statement by each party as to whether the case is to be tried with or without a jury, and the number of trial days needed and; (7) a statement as to whether or not all parties have consented to trial of the case by a magistrate judge (without identifying which parties have or have not so consented). If the parties are unable to agree on a joint letter, each party shall submit its' own letter.

The parties are further directed to confer and agree upon a proposed Civil Case Management Plan which can be found on the SDNY website at www.nysd.uscourts.gov, click on the judges tab, then Crotty. The jointly proposed Civil Case Management Plan should be submitted, via fax or e-mail, together with the joint letter as described above.

Requests for adjournment of the conference will be considered only if made in writing and otherwise in accordance with the undersigned's Individual Practices.

Dated: New York, New York
August 20, 2007

SO ORDERED



PAUL A. CROTTY
United States District Judge